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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
together in unity."—Psalm 133:1.

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# NOTES From My LETTERS

By  
J. H. WALKER  
General Overseer

We felt that you would be interested in hearing a good word of news from the church here at Eckman, West Virginia. The Lord has certainly been good to us. Since we came here three years ago to serve as pastor, we have succeeded in getting a clear title for the church. The property valuation of the church here, after we got through remodeling it into a much better place of worship, has increased \$1,500. God has helped us until there has been more than upward of twenty-five additions to the church this year. For all this we praise God. The minister that comes here next year will find a loyal group of members to help him put the program over for God.—Clay H. Vance, Eckman, West Virginia.

Just a note of praise from old Missouri. I am still thanking God for that great state convention. I surely enjoyed your timely messages. They really were food to my soul. We were glad to have Sister Walker and the children too. I am still at Festus in a fight against sin. I am gaining ground through the help of the Holy Ghost, the tender love of Jesus, the mercy and compassion of God, and the co-operation of our good overseer and the people of Festus.—Daniel W. Coker.

Just a word in regard to our revival at St. Charles, Virginia. Sister Bertha G. Shideler, of Muncie, Indiana, has been with us. This is going on the fourth week. Several have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, but the crowning of the revival was Sunday and Sunday night, July 18. We thought of closing the meeting, and God came on the scene and saved eight and sanctified three. The altar was filled. I believe there were over thirty in the altar. The meeting will continue through next week. Please do remember us in your prayers. God is doing some miraculous healings.—C. H. Blankenship, pastor, St. Charles, Virginia.

I will take this opportunity to tell you a few things that we are doing at the church here in Memphis. The Lord is wonderfully blessing our efforts. When our dear Brother Hindmon came here to pastor in May, 1941, we had only a small church with neither parsonage nor Sunday School rooms. Property valuation was approximately \$1,000. The first thing we did was to raise money to make the down payment on the parsonage, which was purchased immediately after his arrival here.

Next we began to plan the erection of Sunday School rooms. We worked

together with one accord, and after six or eight months we had completed and paid for five rooms. Also in the erection we enlarged the choir about three times its former size. We sanded and varnished the floors of the church, and ceiled the auditorium with celotex, which was paid for by the L.W.W.B. The Y.P.E. paid for the cement walk extending from the church to the street. About three months ago we purchased a baby grand piano, which cost \$500. We have already paid \$300 on it.

This is a few of the financial improvements which leave the church property valuation at approximately \$5,000. Praise the Lord for people who

## SPECIAL PRAYER DAY FOR THE ASSEMBLY AUGUST 15

Our God is a prayer-hearing God. "Oh, thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." God's mercy, holiness, righteousness, and very character never changes. ("I am the Lord, I change not."—Mal. 3:6. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."—Heb. 13:8.)

Since God has insistently stated in His Bible that the Christian's only way to receive anything from God is through prayer, therefore we should pray in order to receive. Prayer is the way out of all troubles, the cure for all worry and anxious care, and the only way to have the power of the Holy Ghost for God's work and to have fullness of joy. Jesus said that men ought always to pray, and Paul wrote to pray without ceasing.

We are therefore asking everyone, everywhere, to please join us in prayer and fasting on this day—August 15—that God will give us, during these perilous times, the most gracious and profitable Assembly ever held in the history of the Church.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

have a mind to work! Now for a few things we are doing in the evangelistic work.

Some ten weeks ago we began a radio broadcast, which was for only fifteen minutes once a week, but it proved a blessing and now our program is from 8:30 to 9:00 a. m. every Saturday over WHBQ, Memphis.

On Saturday afternoons we visit the neighboring towns and hold street services, using a public address system. This is proving a blessing as it gives the church much publicity. On Saturday, July 24, we visited Ripley, Tennessee. What wonderful reception we received there! There were hundreds of people that gathered to hear the preaching and singing. After our pastor delivered the message, you should have seen the people as they came to him requesting prayer. For the closing song, we sang "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and we had an old-time camp meeting right there on the court house square.

We appreciate our faithful pastor and his wife and two daughters.—Ralph L. Wimberley, Memphis, Tenn.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Have you made your hotel reservations for the Thirty-eighth Annual

Assembly of the Church of God, convening in Birmingham, August 24-29? If not, delegates who expect to attend are requested to communicate with Rev. M. D. Harwood of the Entertainment Committee, P. O. Box 3616, West End, Birmingham 7, Alabama. Telegrams should be sent to 925 Bass Blvd., Powderly, Birmingham 7, Alabama, or telephone 8-3183, Birmingham.

"As everyone knows both hotels and private homes have been taxed by war conditions. For this reason available guest rooms for our Assembly are fewer than under normal conditions, especially in private homes. Private householders have generously responded to the government's appeal to make spare rooms available to war workers and, as a result, we must depend largely on the hotels for the housing of our delegates. All who desire advance reservations, please get in touch with us at once. In making reservations, delegates are requested to grant some price range in order to be sure of accommodations, as rooms within certain price specifications will not be available in every instance."—Rev. M. D. Harwood, Entertainment Committee.

## Special Notice—General Assembly

Inasmuch as the General Assembly is to be held in Birmingham, it will not be necessary to obtain room and meal tickets from the Entertainment Committee. Arrangements are being made by them, for your accommodation, however; and if you will contact them upon your arrival in Birmingham, they will be glad to assist you in securing your room.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

## NOTICE

The Church of God at Powderly will broadcast from Radio Station WJLD in Bessemer, Ala. The time: August 12, 2:30 a. m. CWT, 1400 on your dial.—M. D. Harwood, pastor, 925 Bass Blvd., Powderly, Ala.

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# Too Short --- Too Narrow

Text: "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."

Jehovah having diagnosed the spiritual condition of Israel saw her failure whose glorious beauty was fading as a flower. The nation was given to drunkenness and living in pleasure.

Therefore, God had decreed that He would bring them into oppression of Assyria. In verse two He declares that "the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which is a tempest of hail and a destroying storm as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand." The drunkards of Ephraim were to be trodden down by this scourge. As a result the glory and beauty of Israel as a nation would be destroyed.

## Rejected Instruction

Not only was there the charge of sinfulness of varied forms, but both priest and prophet had erred through strong drink so that even at the council tables they would "vomit" because of overindulgence. Yet His word had through the faithful prophets come unto them again and again. Jehovah had demanded that Israel should hearken or suffer the consequences. Precept must be upon precept, to these childish winebibbers, and then again it must be "line upon line." The same story from the true prophets must be told them again and again, because they were not turned away from their sinful practices. Lastly, because they had not obeyed the instructions given them, which was done over and over again, they went in their own ways and finally "fell backward," and were as a result broken and "snared and taken" (verse 13), much like unstable Christian people of today. They hear the teaching of God's Word each Sunday or at other services but because of a childish concern and carnal desires they are not careful to preserve what they hear and as a result suffer spirit-

By E. C. Clark

ual loss and many even lose their own souls.

## An Agreement

These same professing religious egoists boasted that they had secured themselves in their own way. They insisted, "We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement"; like many church members of today, always boasting about and relying upon some unknown and some hidden goodness to save them. This "scourge" which Jehovah had said was coming "won't come nigh unto us" because we have a covenant, etc. But the prophet injects a new feature and calls their "covenant" with death and their agreement with hell "a refuge of lies" and under falsehood they had hid themselves, he told them. Therefore, when the overflowing scourge (the Assyrian invasion) shall come through, "ye shall be trodden down by it." Only truth will stand. God had laid in Zion a tried stone, which was Jesus Christ which was to come as the Savior of Israel. To them this would be "a refreshing," but they would not hear. Having provided for their salvation, He would now lay "judgment to the line" and righteousness to the plummet, and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters shall overflow the hiding places. Their covenant with Egypt God called "lies" and the invasion by Assyria He tells them will overflow their hiding place, and they will be trodden down. Verse 19 seems to tell about the invasion, as to how it will vex them when they hear the news from the battlefield, as it reaches them "morning after morning."

## The Reason

The reason why God would bring these judgments upon Israel was because she had set at naught "all my counsel." The prophet used a proverb, "As a man makes his bed so must he lie in it." Alliances made by Israel with other idolatrous nations could not save her in the day of visitation of God's judgments. Her choices will reveal, therefore, the weaknesses of her spiritual position and what she has chosen she will have to experience. "Ye would none of my counsel." "Therefore I will mock when your fear cometh." Even, "I will laugh at

your calamity." Their position, though seemingly safe to them, was one in which they would have no rest, no ease or comfort. The national trend would be of such character as to rebuke their choice. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The reaping time was coming. This is still true today. We need not trust in secret or selfish goodness. Only the blood will save, and it covers no unconfessed sin. We need not trust in our own goodness, lest God say unto us as He did unto Israel, the bed is shorter than is necessary for comfort and rest, and even there is no warmth in the religious profession of some. God's judgments are certain.

## Warning

In verse 22, after He had warned of what was coming, He asked that they "be not mockers" lest their bands be made strong. Some people mock God and only make their bands and shackles stronger about them. To such let me say, you will not come out "until ye have paid the uttermost farthing." The plowman does not plow all the time. He afterward sows and prepares for the reaping. Just so God has sown the earth with His truth and He will soon be threshing the harvest, if He is not already doing so. Bread corn is bruised; because He will not ever be threshing it. Though God uses severe methods of judgment He will not utterly destroy, or burden more than is necessary for the good of His people or His child. He does not purpose to be all the while administering judgment, for to Him it is "a strange act." He is the God of love and mercy, and wishes to bless and cause His people to be holy, happy, and secure. May God help us to realize that judgment is sure and that He expects us to now do our best for Him.

None of us can feel safe from attacks by the enemy of our salvation unless we have faithfully served God and adhered unto His counsel. If we choose the world instead of God, the predicament in which we will find ourselves later will be one of unhappiness, and dissatisfaction. God's counsel in verse twenty-nine is declared to be "wonderful" and to have an "excellent working" to the safety and best interest of His people.

To a spiritual-minded person everything seems to be pointing to God.

# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Texas To Teach Liquor Effects

Governor Coke Stevenson, of Texas, has recently signed a bill passed by the Texas Legislature authorizing that a compulsory course of instruction in all colleges, teachers colleges, and public schools relative to the "effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system" be instituted.

## If Italy Surrenders

Should Italy capitulate to the Allies, it would place her as a nation back in the original Roman group of nations, allowing her alignment with that group which many believe will constitute the "ten-horned confederacy" indicated by the ten toes of Daniel's colossal image and the ten horns of the beast of Revelation 17th chapter.

## 5,000,000 Bibles

Have been given to the men and women of our armed forces by the Gideons International, according to a report coming out of Boston and through RNS. In the 43rd annual conference of the Gideons, Mr. A. E. Lewis, president, told the society that "the value of the gospel to the men of our fighting forces . . . is recognized by our Government and by the officers who have been selected to lead our men."

## American Bible Society

Has distributed 2,078,000 Bibles and Testaments to members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps at a cost of \$253,000. Dr. Rome A. Betts, general secretary of the American Bible Society stated. Demands for the Army and Navy occupied territories have resulted in the American Bible Society placing an order for 1,800,000 Bibles and Testaments for distribution this year.

## Germany and Russia

Are grouped together in Ezekiel 38th chapter. The question arises, When will this grouping occur? Will Germany and Russia make an unexpected peace in the not far distant future and end the war? or will these two nations, sometime after the war has run its course, form a new alliance and in the end time be found together in the third World War? Able and wise teachers of prophetic subjects and Bible chronology tell us there must come a third World War, in which antichrist will lead his armies on one of the opposing sides. Such a view of this is quite possible and even very probable in the light of Ezekiel 38th chapter and Rev. 16:12-16.

## "Practice" Also Comes in Handy

A British soldier one night was caught creeping stealthily back to his quarters from the near-by woods. He was taken before his commanding officer and charged with holding communications with the enemy. The

man pleaded that he had gone into the woods to pray by himself . . . That was his only defense.

"Have you been in the habit of spending hours in private prayer?" the officer growled.

"Yes, sir."

"Then down on your knees and pray now!" he roared. "You never needed to so much!"

Expecting immediate death, the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in prayer that for eloquence could have been inspired only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"You may go," said the officer simply when he had finished. "I believe your story. If you hadn't drilled often, you couldn't have done so well at review."—Arthur Mercer.

## Church in Germany

A German pastor, quoted in "World Dominion and the World Today," says in regard to the church in Germany: "If I may venture to say anything about the future of Germany, I can say only one thing: any reconstruction without the Biblical foundation will be useless. I do not believe in any reconstruction on the basis of the old political parties as they existed in the pre-Hitler Germany." It would seem, according to Hart R. Armstrong as he correlates German opinion, that if the church is to survive in Germany at all, it will be because they rest upon the Word of God. Has not this always been true?

## The Bombing of Rome

The Right Honorable Isaac Foot, distinguished Britisher, commenting concerning the bombing of Rome, said, "I do not like to see any city bombed, but the Pope's protest was belated. I am a Methodist and some 2,000 of our churches were damaged and approximately 400 destroyed by the Axis. While we could not lay claim that they were ancient or historical buildings, yet they were the spiritual homes of God-fearing folks. We think the Pope's protest would have been more effective if it had been made when we passed through that experience two and three years ago, and also if it had been made in behalf of the unhappy Ethiopians on whose peaceful villages Mussolini rained death and destruction."

## Terrible Days Lie Ahead

When this war is over there will return to the United States some ten to eleven million soldiers to be reinstated into national life and industry. War factories will close down and some twenty million employees will be thrown out of work. Some say, and it is partially true, that the building of automobiles and other needed implements and necessities will give these men work for years. No, not for years, and while the "change over" takes place there will be great unrest and

afterward possible desperation. We are in the end time, and dark and terrible days lie ahead. Statesmen and cheap politicians cannot fathom the world's ill.

## Lamentations Over Bombing of Rome

A whole lot of quibbling and lamenting has been done over the bombing of Rome, because it is the supposed Eternal City and the home of the Roman Church. What of Rome? It is simply nothing more than any other city in the world. It is the home of Catholicism, that is true, but not even Rome is the founder or the mother of religion. Salvation came by the blood of Jesus Christ through faith, and not by the blessing of the Pope. No, nor can it in any sense come by the blessing of the Pope. All the holy water that all the popes can sprinkle won't wash away the most tiny sin. The destruction of churches in other cities is equally bad, if not worse than the bombing of Rome. Rome has neither copyright nor patentright when it comes to the salvation of a human soul. The blood alone can save and Christ alone is the only true High Priest.

## Tragic Tolerance

Tolerance of political philosophies that threaten democracy and religious liberty is allowed in various schools throughout the country, concerning which the editor of Church League of America writes.

"Recently there has been established in New York City the 'School for Democracy.' This school seems to be manned largely by radical teachers who have been suspended from the New York schools as a result of the Rapp-Coudert legislative investigation into subversive activities in the New York school system. There is also the 'school' now conducted by the League of American Writers which testimony before the Dies Committee has shown to be Communistic in complexion. There are many summer camp 'labor schools' conducted by both the Socialists and the Communists. Limited space forbids a further exploration of this field of educational activity.

"We now come to the Communist 'Workers Schools.' These schools are vicious and dangerous. It is difficult to understand why our Government tolerates them. They are the main source of strength for 'labor' terrorism and destructive radicalism in this country. The average citizen doesn't understand the power—the cunning—and the danger associated with the tens of thousands of 'graduates' that these Communist schools are turning out to become leaders in labor and other fields—especially as America faces the most serious period of post-war readjustment it has ever had to meet. These Communist 'Workers Schools' are located in important industrial centers. The main one in Chicago is at 64 W. Randolph Street. The main one in New York is at 35 E. 12th Street. They openly advertise classes in Marxism—Leninism—Communism, etc. Each maintains a large 'faculty' of highly trained Communists—many of them university graduates."

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# The Gift of Tongues and Interpretations

By J. W. ARCHER

(Continued from July 31 issue)

## PROPHECY AND INTERPRETATION

We note a number of times that the early leaders were guided by this gift. And that, operating through others besides themselves. But it is to be noted that this came forth "as they fasted and waited upon the Lord." Acts 13:1-4.

There were certain "PROPHETS" here, and as they "ministered to the Lord and fasted," the "Holy Ghost said, . . ." Thus did the Spirit prophesy in calling Paul and Barnabas.

If prophecy is a "divinely inspired utterance," and interpretation is a "divinely inspired utterance," then surely it is equally scriptural to acknowledge interpretation as a possible means of guidance. Thousands of careful and sincere Pentecostal brethren will testify from experience that this is true.

## VISION AND DREAM

So also in vision, dream and angelic appearance. We find that the recipient of these supernatural guidances waited before the Lord devoutly, prayerfully, and often with long fastings, having no mind of their own, but seeking only the mind of Christ. Such guidance need not be feared, regardless of the means of divine presentation. It is the hastily sought and received guidance of earnest but often self-opinioned individuals which may be honestly questioned.

## RULES TO GOVERN OUR SEEKING OF GUIDANCE

Rule 1. Consider with ordinary God-given wisdom all the circumstances, presuming them to be of God. But always recognizing the fact that we are sometimes tested and tried, and that faith laughs at circumstances, and with God there are no GIANTS or WALLED CITIES.

Rule 2. Be sure all personal ambi-

tion, emotions, desires, etc., are fully submerged in the emotions and mind of the Spirit of Christ, until you don't care where you go just so it is God's will.

Rule 3. The "Spirit" and the "Word" agree. Guidance does not contradict the Word, though it may sometimes clarify a problem not clearly set forth in the Word.

Much of our sought-after "will of God" is already clearly expressed in the Word, if we will but accept it. Such as, His will to save our loved ones, to heal our bodies, supply our every need, etc. On such matters as are plainly expressed in His Word, there need be no seeking of guidance, but a plain positive prayer of faith, knowing that when we pray according to His will we HAVE the petition we desire of Him.

Rule 4. If we walk in the Spirit, our impressions through that "still small voice" are usually clear and safe.

Rule 5. Do not be afraid to check one means of guidance with another. They will agree and will strengthen your faith.

Rule 6. Adversity is NOT a sign you have missed God's will.

Paul "felt assuredly" that the Lord was calling him over into Macedonia. Yet he wound up in jail, beaten with many stripes. But he CONTINUED to praise God, knowing that persecutions and testings were part of God's plan, and he came out victorious.

Step over into Canaan land and take the territory by faith! Someone has cried GIANTS and we have made man bigger than God!

Rule 7. Do not put a time limit on God's promises or guidance. This is important. The writer once received a call, through interpretation, while in Denver, to go into Idaho and the Northwest. With the call came the

vision of a highway leading down pine-covered mountains into a beautiful large city on a harbor.

A book could be written on how marvelously God fulfilled, in minutest detail, that call. But in the eighteen months we were in Idaho we never saw that pine-covered mountain highway, nor the beautiful harbor city. We were then called to California. We wondered about the vision and might well have said it was false, but we waited on God.

In six months, two years from the time of the original vision, we went into the Northwest, drove down a pine-covered mountain highway, and saw the City of Seattle (our first view of it) stretched out on the harbor, just as it had been pictured to us in the vision. The vision and call were true, and were completed because we believed God and did not put a time limit upon His guidance to us. Even now we wait certain promises in the Spirit which we know are sure and certain, and shall come to pass. If we will hold steadily to our course, unwavering, our early vision and calling will be fulfilled.

Rule 8. Do not reject a call or guidance that may come through a Spirit-filled friend, on the ground that "if God wants to show me anything, He will show ME, not him!" But rather, ask God to confirm it to you if it be of Him. The practice, however, of seeking of "prophets," etc., guidance, is a very dangerous one and may readily lead to erroneous guidance.

We believe this fairly well covers the field. The practice of opening the Bible at random for a scripture often seems to "hit the subject" but is not considered very safe. Although God will at times, through the Spirit, bring a scripture very forcefully to us.

## His Wife Hath Made Herself Ready

MRS. CLARA MULLIKIN

Rev. 19:6, 7, "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Rev. 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Luke 1:76, "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways."

John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you."

As far as we can search the Scrip-

tures, we find preparation must be made if we receive or attain any of the thirty-two thousand promises laid down between the lids of that Book. To meet God, the sinner must prepare, repent, with a godly sorrow for sin, for godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. So we understand there must be preparation made before we become a child of God, as there are two works of grace to complete the cleansing from all unrighteousness, God hath prepared a "body."

Read Heb. 10:4, 5, 9, 10, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. . . . Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a 'body' hast thou prepared me: Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God: . . . By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the 'body' of Jesus

Christ once for all."

Great preparation was made, and great suffering also, that we, His followers, might be made a pure, holy temple for the incoming of the Holy Ghost. When He comes, Jesus said He will guide you into all truth, take the Word of God and reveal, or unfold its true meaning to our hearts and prepare a bride for the Son of God. Will there be any preparation to be the bride of Christ? Ah! Yes. He that hath this hope in him of seeing Jesus, is purifying himself—that is, preparing himself, even as He is pure.

Take this life for example. A woman engaged to a man, does she make any preparation for that hour toward which she is looking? Yes, a thousand times yes. Oh! how much greater concern should we have in our preparation for that flight from earth to glory to meet our Lord in the air, our Bridegroom!

Why did He go away? "To prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, (Continued on page 14)

# God's Special Prophets

This subject is based on Revelation 11th chapter, and is to be fulfilled in the future.

The two special prophets referred to will reappear on the earth during the great tribulation period, in natural earthly bodies, and their mission is to prophesy to the Jews and the Gentiles of the tribulation, after the rapture of the Church. These two men were elevated by the power of God, above the laws of sin and death, and are at the present time in heaven in a state of preservation. They still retain their personality and individuality.

The witnesses couldn't be two nations, such as the Jews and Gentiles. It is specifically stated in the Bible that they are two individuals. "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues, and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves," Rev. 11:9.

They will probably come back to the earth with Christ about the middle of the tribulation, the time when the antichrist comes into great power, and breaks his seven-year covenant with Israel in the midst of the tribulation week, Dan. 9:27.

The mighty angel recorded in Revelation, chapter 10, I am of the opinion refers to Jesus Christ. It is Christ, who, no doubt, will bring the two special prophets back to the earth in the middle of the tribulation period. Christ doesn't come to take possession of the earth at that time. He returns to the earth to set up the kingdom at the close of the great tribulation, Rev. 11:3. The same mighty angel (Jesus Christ), said, "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand and two hundred and three score days clothed in sackcloth," (last three and one-half years of the tribulation).

They will have power to smite the earth with many plagues, as often as they will (Rev. 11:6). Their testimony will last only about three and one-half years. After it is finished, the demon prince (beast) (not the antichrist), that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit (cooperating with the antichrist and the false prophet) shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. For three and one-half days they shall lie dead in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Bible students believe that there are four great men to be considered, and that two of them will be the two special prophets. The four considered are; namely, Moses, St. John, Enoch, and Elijah. Moses and John died natural deaths, which disqualifies them to be the witnesses that are to fulfill the Word of God in the awful days of the great tribulation period.

Jesus said that they that are accounted worthy of the resurrection cannot die anymore. St. Luke 20:35, 36.

I am of the opinion that Enoch and



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Elijah are the two special prophets of God. Neither Enoch nor Elijah ever met death. They were translated. Heb. 11:5, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Jude 14, "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints."

2 Kings 2:11, "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and parted them both (Elijah and Elisha) asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

Let me say again, Enoch and Elijah are preserved alive in heaven (Zech. 4:14; Rev. 11:4), and have the same

natural earthly bodies they had on earth before being caught up into heaven. And they will come back to the earth, and fulfill the plan of God during the reign of the antichrist and false prophet. The fact that Enoch and Elijah have not seen death qualifies them to be the two special prophets of God. If they possessed glorified or resurrected bodies, it would be impossible for them to be killed.

I have often wondered whether or not the two men in white apparel mentioned in Acts 1:10, were Enoch and Elijah! "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

"Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river (possibly Enoch and Elijah). And one said to the man clothed in linen, (no doubt Jesus Christ), which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" Compare Revelation, chapters 10 and 11, with Daniel 12:5-13.

The two special prophets will warn the Jews and the world not to receive the mark, name and number of the beast (antichrist), Revelation 13th chapter. They are to prophesy especially to Israel in the land of Palestine in the last days.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse," Malachi 4:5, 6.

They shall also prophesy of the second coming of Christ to set up the millennial kingdom. Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Let us be real witnesses for Jesus and let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

The second coming of Christ is very near at hand.

## DIVINE LEADERSHIP AND THE POPULAR VOTE

By G. H. MONTGOMERY

Sometimes we speak of leadership as of something to be obtained by the popular approval of men. It is a fact, that there is a type of leadership that is dependent upon human approval and delegated sanction; but not so in the matter of the divinely appointed leadership of the church of Jesus Christ. In fact, that leadership is frequently established in spite of popular opinion, and not by its sanction. Even good men may easily be influenced by outward appearances (as in the case of Samuel and Saul), and in

such cases, God must look at the heart and determine the true qualifications of the candidates. Then "the lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord" (Prov. 16:33).

It is safe to say, that God never elected a leader but that popular opinion rejected him at one time or another. If you doubt that, remember Joseph, Moses, Aaron, David, Samuel, Jeremiah, Paul, and any number of others whom you may call to mind.

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# Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

## A Missionary Trip Through Mexico to Central America

By J. H. Ingram, Field Representative

We left Los Angeles, Calif., by train on April 30, going direct to Nogales, Arizona, where we spent two nights preaching for the Mexican brethren in the church just across the border. From Nogales we continued by train to Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, where we spent one night at our Central Mission where God continues to bless in a wonderful way. They are planning to enlarge the Obregon church in order to accommodate the crowds, and that our readers may better understand the progress that has been made since the work was organized eleven years ago, the present building is about four times as large as it originally was, with a seating capacity of around five hundred at the present time.

In Obregon City we were joined by Brother Fernando A. Gonzalez, our district pastor, and Brother Rafael Gonzalez, of Mexico City, and the three of us left for a tour of the work in southern Sonora and Sinaloa, travelling by train, car, horse-drawn automobile trailer, and on foot. Our first stop was in Navojoa, Sonora, where we visited the church in charge of our blind pastor, Brother Alejandro Portugal, Sr. In spite of his blindness, our Brother Portugal has a splendid ministry back of him and has accomplished more than some who have two good eyes.

From Navojoa we left by station wagon (car) for the Mayo Indian town of Chucarit, from which point we made an extensive tour of our work in the Mayo territory, holding meetings in different villages. We travelled on foot part of the way and later took up the trail through the cactus-covered desert country in a horse-drawn auto trailer. This writer suffered a severe attack of tropical dysentery and got terribly sunburned but the Lord in His goodness brought deliverance in His own good time. The work is spreading very rapidly among the Mayo Indians in that region, we have built one nice church so far this year and have most of the material on the ground for two more buildings, and may we digress for a moment to say we have two more buildings under construction in the Yaqui territory a little farther to the north, where Brother Billy Perez and Brother Felipe Castro are laboring with good success.

The Mayo Indians, unlike the warring Yaqui tribesmen, are a peaceful, hard-working people, but it was a little too much for them when the "Yoris," as the whites are called in their dialect, had succeeded in winning over to the cause of Christ the entire population of one village with

the exception of one family. It was then that a company of young Indian men, numbering about a hundred, banded together with the object of breaking up the Church of God meetings by rocking the people. There were no rocks near by so they brought stones with them when they came, and several of our members were injured in the stoning that followed. The company came in full force one night while I was preaching in the village of Chucarit, for all I knew to take me for a "ride" but it was another brother they were after at the time. We were having services under a large shed attached to a gristmill, when the crowd came rushing up, wearing large typical Mexican hats and with handkerchiefs tied over their faces up to the eyes. I admonished them for their bad behavior and they listened very attentively to my message. Some taking off their hats, stood with tears in their eyes. There were no street lights in the little town and the one policeman assigned to patrol duty made himself conspicuous by his absence, leaving us without any legal protection, yet God had promised never to forsake us nor leave us alone. We did not have any altar call that night, as Brother Fernando Gonzalez came rushing up to me as soon as the sermon was over and said that we had better get out and get going, as the situation was growing very serious with the mob gathering in the street.

I had just been telling them about how God could deliver us out of the hands of our enemies, and related my experiences in China where the Lord delivered me from my Japanese captors during the battle of Shanghai at the beginning of the present conflict. I admit that I felt a bit uneasy when the Indian mob began to gather, but thought it would never do for me to run, so I stayed behind to shake hands with a few members and friends who dared to remain. I stood in plain view between a gasoline light and a kerosene lamp, so I took off my glasses and got ready to stop a flying stone with my face if necessary, as I felt that one should back up his testimony if he expected to convince others. Presently the fire began to fly in the wide place in the road making up the main street of the village where the mob was ready to rush upon the mission compound. "Pow" was the way the first report sounded, something like a 38 calibre pistol, then again someone let loose another smaller gun, sounding like a 22 "ping" and the battle of Chucarit was over with only two shots fired, and with only one casualty—a man stopping a bullet with his foot (lucky that it wasn't his head). We reported the matter to the authorities who started an investigation after our departure. We slept in the same compound that night but not very

soundly, as for all we knew the mob might return.

In Navojoa I received a nice letter from the Archbishop of the Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Church in Mexico City, congratulating us on our good success in the work throughout the Americas. Some of the brethren will remember this priest who visited our convention held recently in the Marble Palace in Mexico City. The latter named movement represents a group of about seven hundred churches that have recently separated from the Pope and the Church of Rome, taking a step forward. From Navojoa we continued south by train visiting the churches in San Blas, Los Moches and Mazatlan, about seven hundred miles from the U. S. border where we left Brother Fernando Gonzalez. Brother Rafael Gonzalez and I went on to Guadalajara, Jalisco, where we separated, taking different routes to Mexico City.

Suffice to say, the Lord is still blessing down that way and pouring out His Spirit in spite of the opposition and the work of a false prophet that has arisen. According to lengthy press reports, one ignorant Indian from an unidentified tribe has begun to prophesy that Christ's second coming will take place on the last night of August, 1946, ending the war and bringing about a universal reign of peace (the Bible says, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man," Matt. 24:36). The 24th verse of the same chapter speaks of false prophets that would arise. This Indian goes by the name of Francisco Bamacori and is referred to by the press as the second "William Miller" arising nearly a hundred years after the latter named man set a date for the coming of the Lord. Bamacori travels throughout the states of Sonora and Sinaloa, does not speak Spanish, the official language, but talks to his followers through an interpreter, his disciples call him "Little Father" and many travel long distances in the hopes of receiving healing through his prayers. In addition to his wife and son and their interpreter, there are about 200 other Indians from among the Yaquis, Mayos, Coras, Huicholes and Pimas. He is supposedly Catholic in his belief, and quotes a good deal of scripture contained in the Gospels, yet he stays aloof from all churches, usually setting up camp outside the towns where the people come to him kissing his hands passionately and begging pardon for their mysterious sins.

In the second chapter of Acts, where reference is made to the outpouring of the Spirit, "The Holy Ghost and fire," mention is also made of signs in the heavens and in the earth below, including "fire and vapor of smoke," Acts 2:19. All this is

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Scripture lesson, Ezekiel 47:1-5.

Text: verse 5, "Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over."

In our lesson we have the holy waters issuing from under the threshold, and the water came down from the right side of the house. "And behold, there ran out waters on the right side." The man with the line measured a thousand cubits and the waters were to the ankles. He measured again and the waters were to the knees. He measured again and the waters were to the loins, and he measured yet again and it was a river that the writer says he could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. Thank God for the WATERS. There is water to swim in if we will go far enough with God.

So many people today get into the waters around the ankles, which we are going to state as justification, and there they stop; but this man measured another thousand and the WATERS were to the knees. It was getting deeper and wider. We call this SANCTIFICATION, which some people get and then want to stop. But this man, after he got in up to the knees, measured another thousand and the WATERS were to the loins. This we call the baptism of the Holy Ghost, still deeper than to the knees, it was to the loins. Some stop at the Holy Ghost but this man measured again, and it was a RIVER that could not be passed over, WATERS to swim in. OH GLORY! Waters, HOLY WATERS that we can be immersed in, WATERS over our heads, waters unfathomed.

Jesus told Peter in Luke 5:4, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Peter said, "We have toiled all night and have taken nothing, nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." The results were a multitude of fishes caught. Beloved, let us quit fishing around the shore and launch out into the deep.

Zech. 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

St. John 4:10, 11, 13, 14, "Jesus answered and saith unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is

# Waters

REV. NOEL W. LOWE

that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee LIVING WATER. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the WATER that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the WATER that I shall give him shall be in him a WELL OF WATER springing up into everlasting life."

Here we have the WATERS that will satisfy, but many today are like the woman of Samaria. They think Jesus has nothing to draw with, and that the well is too deep. But glory to God, Jesus said, "The WATER that I shall give him shall be in him a WELL OF WATER springing up into everlasting life." This WATER is not just a trickle but WATERS that can not be passed over.

John 7:37, 38, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER."

We fail to be able to swim around in these WATERS sometimes because we are like the children of Israel were in Jer. 2:13, "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of LIVING WATERS, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Here the people had forsaken the fountain of living waters, and had hewn out cisterns that could hold no water. In other words, they had forsaken God and taken their own ideas, which could not bring God's blessings to their souls, neither will we have the blessings the Lord has for us unless we LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP.

In 2 Kings 3:9-17 we find that the king of Israel and the king of Judah were going to battle. They traveled seven days and there was no water for the host or for the cattle. The kings came to Elisha and inquired about water. Elisha, through the Spirit of God, said, "Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet this valley shall be filled with WATER, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts." Here the Lord provided WATER when people were ready to perish. He filled the valley with WATER.

Gen. 26:18-22, "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing WATER. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with

Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. And he removed from thence and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now hath the Lord made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." Here Isaac digged three wells and in each he found WATER but he had to leave the first well, (Esek—Well of Contention or where the Lord and Satan contend for the soul. We might call that justification.) And Isaac had to move on. Then he digged the second well, Sitnah—(Well of Hatred). This is the well where the hatred is killed out of man. We call it SANCTIFICATION. But Isaac had to move on. Then he digged the third well, Rehoboth—(Room, "for now hath the Lord made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."). O Brother, let us keep digging the wells of salvation, and draw with joy. Isa. 12:3, "For with joy shall ye draw WATERS out of the WELLS of salvation."

Isa. 58:11, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of WATER, whose WATERS fail not."

Do not stop at the ankles; get in up to the knees. There you will find the WATERS so good you will get in up to the loins. When you do you will want to take a swim in this RIVER OF WATERS that can not be passed over.

## FAITHFUL

MAMIE WILSON

"Couldst not thou watch one hour?" Mark 14:37.

Will we be faithfully doing the small things the Lord requires of us when He comes or will we be asleep as Peter, James, and John were when He took them with Him to Gethsemane? He asked them to tarry and watch while He went a little farther to pray. Jesus was very sorrowful in His soul, even unto death. When He came and found them sleeping He said, "Simon, sleepest thou? couldst not thou watch one hour?" This same Simon only a short time before had said that although all should be offended, yet he would not.

How we need to stay awake and pray that we might "watch one hour" with our Lord! That one hour might be a great trial for weeks or longer, getting us to the place He could lead in our lives for His glory.

When we have not been faithful or have grieved the Holy Spirit then we can hear that still small voice say to us as to Simon, "Couldst not thou watch one hour?"

Noah walked with God and was faithful. He built the ark as God instructed. Later he and his family were saved in the ark while all the rest at that time perished in the flood.

The three Hebrew children loved God and would not worship an idol although it meant being cast into the

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# B. T. S. ECHOES FROM THE FIELD



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## Scouting for B. T. S.

In each of my visits to five state conventions I have found an increasing interest in our Bible School prevailing among all our people—ministers, laity, ex-students, and prospective students. My first convention was in Florida and if one could make the very best description possible, he would fall short of expressing the total qualities of that assembly. Without doubt, Florida promises the Bible School an increase this year. Everyone seemed to be interested.

Two weeks later I went to Alabama where I attended two days of a very spiritual and progressive convention. Alabama qualified last year for the \$100 scholarship by making the greatest gain of any state in number of students over the previous year. Judging from the interest now being manifested I will not be surprised to learn that they have made equal gains again.

The next two weeks found me in Carmi, Illinois, where I attended the state Y. P. E. convention. Upon leaving the state I felt that Illinois will contribute much to the increase of Bible School students this term. Brother Raymond Morse, state superintendent, certainly has made a wonderful record for Illinois in creating a greater interest in B. T. S. May God richly bless him for his efforts.

Another two weeks passed and I spent the week end in a state convention where I found "everybody and all the rest" overwhelmingly interested in B. T. S. The entire convention was a booster of the school, and if Georgia leads all other states I will neither be surprised nor at a loss to know the reason. The ministers of the state, without delay, passed a motion whereby financial aid can be extended to Georgia students. One-eighth of last year's enrollment came from Georgia, and unless I am prone to exaggerate, I feel relatively sure in predicting that Georgia will have not less than one-eighth of the students

of the 1943-44 term.

Last week I visited the state convention in Kentucky. On this trip Brother Cecil Bridges, dean of men, was with me; this was, without doubt, very profitable for the school. Brother Bridges is well known throughout the state because he served as state superintendent there the year the Sunday School and Y. P. E. national banners were won. Kentucky has had a good representation at B. T. S. during previous terms, but the great interest manifested at this convention insures an increase for this year.

Well, to make a long story short, I am predicting an average increase of at least one hundred students. If you are planning to come this year, you will make the truth of my prediction more probable. If you are not able to come this term—well, plan to be here the next. The school is *growing* and progress is being made each year, each month, each week, and each day.

Pray for God's continued blessings upon the Church of God Bible Training School and College, and I'll be looking for you in Sevierville on September 6.—Delmar C. Barnes, Professor of Religious Education.

"I have been working day and night trying to study and attend services. We had wonderful services in Mexico City during Pentecost. The Mexicans put great emphasis on those days, and people received the Holy Ghost almost every service. I spoke several times there, and have also spoken to practically all of our churches that I have visited in southern Mexico. When I arrived here it was Spanish or else, and the language is returning rapidly. Night before last I preached on the Holy Ghost and His power. God blessed and seventeen were in the altar seeking the blessing. I slept on a cot made of material which we use for making sacks in the States. I was awakened next morning by the shouts from a group of these precious Indian sisters at the near-by church. I preached last night to a big houseful here in Cd. Obregon. God certainly helped me and seventy-five or more came forward to seek a deeper consecration to God and the Church. My plans are to visit about ten or twelve more churches before leaving for "good old B. T. S." The extreme heat here has made me very ill; I am lying flat of my back now, but in spite of my illness, I expect to continue to go nightly to the outstations. I have faith to believe that God will give me strength. Pray for me. The greatest desire I have is to complete my studies, and come here or go to some other Spanish-speaking people and live my life for them."—Vessie D. Hargrave.

Brother Kidd conducted his first revival at Frostproof, Florida. Seven were saved and sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, and four joined the church. He is now in a revival at Sebring. In a recent letter he said: "I feel that last year was the greatest year of my life, and I am surely planning to return and finish school next term. It seems that God is paving the way for me too."

Mauldin Ray is in a revival in Naples, Florida. "We are having good crowds and great interest. One lady was sanctified last night," he writes. He adds that he is not the only one who is anxious to get back to Sevierville but "all the students I've heard from can scarcely wait 'til school starts."

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# CONVENTIONS

## Missouri State Convention

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

The Missouri convention convened in Bonne Terre, Missouri, and was well attended; in fact, from the first service the house was crowded to capacity, with many standing outside. The singing and the ministry seemed among the best. The reports from the district overseers showed that there had been much good work done this year. During the past ten months there had been 18,671 homes visited, 3,599 sermons preached, 6 new churches set in order, 381 persons saved, 149 sanctified, 123 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, 78 were baptized in water, and 125 added to the Church. There were marked gains in every department of the work of the Church, and although it was the first year for Brother Watson to be engaged in this kind of work, with the experience in expanding Riverside's (Georgia) borders, he has also made fair showing in the whole State of Missouri.

Really, God has blessed and the people are encouraged, for which we praise God. May the Lord bless and strengthen all the workers and laity throughout the State of Missouri. My entire family went with me to Missouri. The convention was some five miles from my wife's home; and they, too, enjoyed the convention very, very much.

Remember that we are praying for you people in Missouri.

## Georgia State Convention

The Georgia convention was held in Atlanta in the large auditorium of the Hemphill Church of God, where hundreds and hundreds of people came from throughout the entire state, and the building was crowded to its capacity each day. The great State of Georgia, with its large number of ministers and corresponding number of churches and laity that have heard the call to service, is really outstanding.

It is the largest state east of the Mississippi; and, of course, the "Sleeping Giant" (the name I gave to the state some three or four years ago, when I said, "The sleeping giant does not know his strength, his potentialities were far above his comprehension") is now awakened. If you had been present to hear the reports of the various churches, telling of how they had gone over the top 100 per cent in every drive and every undertaking, with the Evangel circulation soaring up into the thousands—yes, actually thousands—some 4,600 copies going out regularly each month—you would have been encouraged. The orphanage drive sponsored by the state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Joe R. Little, certainly was commendable. If you had heard Brother Little speak, I am sure you would have said with me, "I have never heard such a *Little* man talk so *big*; but he had a right to boast, for the whole state was standing behind him and had made an outstanding record in their work. During

the year special organized evangelistic campaigns have been launched throughout the state, and appreciable results have been witnessed.

May God continue to bless all who had part in the great work of the promotion of the Church of God throughout Georgia. Remember that we are praying for you.

## CAMP MEETING REPORT

The Northwest camp meeting is now history and what a glorious page has been written! The crowds were fine considering traveling conditions. The preaching was A-1 in quality. Every minister edified the people. Brother R. P. Johnson's presence and preaching was no small factor in making the meeting a success. His rich spirituality and profound thought was up to par as usual. Sister Johnson was with us and her testimony was good, as it always is. The singing was excellent. Brother Johnson brought the Bible School Trio from Sevierville with him and their singing was greatly appreciated. Sisters Gleason and Settle, accompanied by Sister Brostrom, did some good singing, along with many others. Brother and Sister McLuhan, who were down from Canada, thrilled the audience with their singing. A blessed feature of the meeting was the Bible School service. The Northwest Bible and Music Academy, South Saskatchewan School, and the Bible Training School and College were well represented. God most assuredly stamped His approval on the educational endeavors of the Church. The mission spirit ran high. Brother H. S. Syverson's presence made the mission cause so much more real to us. Brother Syverson has been in El Salvador, Central America, the past four years, in the Lord's harvest field, and is now at home on a furlough. The mission offering was as good as last year, without the district offerings which were included last year. Brother Logsdon managed the camp meeting very efficiently. There was cooperation of the highest type. The kitchen and lunch stand were well cared for under the supervision of Brother Glen Clark and Brother William Dych. The spirituality of the convention superceded everything else. A deep undercurrent of God's Spirit moved us all closer to the Christ. Tears flowed freely many times. A number were saved, filled with the Spirit, and blessed in other ways. We took home blessings which will not soon leave us.—Alvin Thompson.

## Obituaries

### DONALD

Mrs. Mary C. Donald, Seneca, S. C., a member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus June 3, 1943; age sixty-nine years.—Her daughter, Mrs. Bennie King, Rt. 3, Seneca, S. C.

### DENTON

On July 3, 1943, our good Brother Mack Q. Denton slipped away to be with Jesus. He was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God at

Laurel, Miss.—His pastor, Rev. Horace Taylor, Laurel, Miss.

### HARKINS

Brother Van Harkins, Calhoun, Ga., a member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus June 8, 1943; age thirty-three years. He left an encouraging testimony that he was ready to go.—His niece, Vertie Harkins.

### OLSON

Cpl. Earl H. Olson was killed in action June 7, 1943, in the North American Area; age twenty-five years. He was converted and a member of the Church of God at Pelican Inn, Minnesota.—His pastor, Ross Hill, Rt. 1, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

### HARRIS

Brother Joseph L. Harris, a member of the Church of God at Donna, Tex., was born December 30, 1845, and went to be with Jesus June 23, 1943; age ninety-seven years and six months. He was a Confederate soldier at the age of seventeen years and served throughout the Civil War.—Mrs. Viola Yancey, clerk, Edinburg, Tex.

### NORRIS

James F. Norris departed this life June 29, 1943; age fifty-three years. He was a member of the Church of God, Saxon Mill, Spartanburg, S. C. Please pray for his family. Pray that the Lord will watch over us and help us to stay true.—Mrs. James F. Norris and family, 13 Tennant St., Spartanburg, S. C.

### SHARPE

On Nov. 17, 1942, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Iddo Sharpe, Covington, La., and claimed their darling little boy, Howard Timothy. He was two years, five months and five days old.

### HUPP

Dorothy Marie Hupp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hupp, Omaha, Nebr., was born Jan. 3, 1919, and departed this life July 7, 1943; age twenty-four years. She loved the Lord and His Word.—David Ingram, 521 S. 21st Ave., Omaha, Nebr.

### BROWN

Mrs. Sarah Rose Brown, a faithful member of the Marietta Church of God for the past thirteen years, was killed instantly when struck by a taxi cab on June 22, 1943; age sixty-seven years, one month and twenty-six days.—Her pastor, Rev. H. A. Powell.

### BLACK

Our dear Brother Willard Black, faithful member of the Church of God at Sumiton, Ala., went to be with Jesus May 21, 1943. His good Christian life was an inspiration to all who knew him.—His pastor, Rev. O. O. Philen.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

All correspondence relative to the Assembly, previously scheduled to convene in Sevierville, is being sent to the Entertainment Committee in Birmingham.—Zeno C. Tharp, Sevierville, Tennessee.



# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

*We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.*

## PRAY FOR:

God to heal my body, I have a sagged stomach.—Mrs. Sallie K. McCall, Cashiers, N. C.

Howard S. York who has been missing in action since Feb. 17 in North Africa and is now reported a prisoner in Italy.—His mother, Mrs. Maud York Meade, Dunlow, W. Va.

My healing, I am in a hospital fixing to be operated on.—Willie J. Barrentine, Rt. 1, Alligator, Miss.

Me, I am in the army and am unsaved; unspoken request.—Pvt. John A. T. Fields, ASN 34652981, Co. B, 13th Tng. Bn., 4th Platoon, Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The healing of my body; unspoken requests; my daughter-in-law to be healed and saved.—Margie Leach, Rt. 1, Lake City, Ark.

The healing of my body.—Clarence Eugene Hughes, 182 2nd St., N.W., Barberton, Ohio.

The healing of Bertha Tuell, Rt. 3, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure and that I will not lose the use of my leg.—Mrs. Annie Johnson, 2417 Hubbard St., Greensboro, N. C.

God to undertake for my son who is in service ready for overseas; me to be healed.—Mrs. Mary Reaves, Rt. 2, Batesville, Ark.

My husband and me; unspoken request.—Mrs. J. C. Young, Sparta, Tenn.

The healing of my fourteen-year-old daughter who is in the hospital with curvature of the spine. She has been there four weeks and the doctor said if she showed no improvement at the end of eight weeks a spinal operation would be the only thing and we do not want that. She is a member of the Church of God. She will appreciate encouragement. Her address is Virginia Hollan, c/o Harry Anna Howe, Umatilla, Fla.—Mrs. Walter W. Hollan, Rt. 1, Mt. Dora, Fla.

Please pray earnestly that God will undertake for me and I will get to go to Bible Training School; God to make the way for my widowed mother who I will have to leave and I am giving up job and all for the Lord.—Miss Josephine Peterson, 3225 Virginia St., Coconut Grove, Fla.

My family and me; my wife to be healed; my mother who is in very bad health to be healed.—B. F. Beggerly, 707 G. St., Copeland Pk., Newport News, Va.

The Lord to undertake for my parents, brothers and me.—Miss Rachel McGee, Rt. 3, Florence, Miss.

My son.—Sister Betty Lively, 107 Bee St., Princeton, W. Va.

God to heal my husband who was injured from a log falling off a truck which broke his right leg about five inches below the hip, broke his pelvis bone in four places and crushed him inwardly. He has been in a cast ever since but the doctor said if his leg wasn't healed by the 14th of August they would have to operate. The doctor says he is all right except his leg. He will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Oscar Hutchinson, Box 89, Marianna, Ark.

The healing of C. E. Kendall, he has had one operation and will have to have another. He will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. C. E. Kendall, 715 W. Park St., Sidney, Ohio.

God to undertake for my sons; my home and me.—Minnie Bell Dorton, Middlesboro, Ky.

The Lord to completely heal my body, I am still not strong. I have a severe cold also; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Ida McComb, Dixiana, Ala.

My mother to be healed; my father.—Grady Findlay, Gardendale, Ala.

The healing of my son, Pvt. Freddie Chisamore, Camp White, Ore., Station Hosp., Ward B-2. He hurt his leg about three months ago while in training and has been in the hospital ever since. He will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. N. F. Henderson, Box 224, Suisun, Calif.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. V. Kirk, Box 558, Williamson, W. Va.

My father-in-law who is in bad health to be healed.—Mrs. Sallie Knighton, 42 Buncombe St., Woodruff, S. C.

God to increase my faith and completely heal my afflicted body, I believe I have low blood and my side has been giving me trouble; the Lord to heal a friend, Mrs. Aldman, Barren Springs, Va., of a cancer.—Josie Dehart, Draper, Va.

The healing of my body; the salvation of my husband, Pfc. Ussel Ralph.—Mrs. Ussel Ralph, 213 S. Maryland Ave., Wilmington 116, Del.

My sister-in-law's baby who is very sick; Pascal Sims who has a very bad skin disease; Early Sims who is in service.—Mrs. Bessie Sims, Whiteside, Tenn.

The healing of my leg of a strained leader and clotted blood vessel; unspoken request.—Lorraine Braziel, Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.

The Lord to heal my afflicted body.—A saint of God from Michigan.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Mrs. Lilly Hargis, Mead, W. Va.

Mrs. Frank Living House who has been bedfast four years to be healed.—Mrs. Sallie Miller, Laureldale, Pa.

God to undertake for my wife, children and me, He knows all about it.—J. R. Clement, No. 43934, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Box 97, McAlester, Okla.

WOOSTER, Ohio — Dear Christian Friends, I am a young woman twenty-nine years old. I have T.B. in the advanced stage. Please pray for my healing, also that God may have His way in my life that I may be a living testimony for Him.—Mrs. Harry Gruber, 453 N. Buckeye St., c/o Roy Hannah.

The Lord to heal my afflicted body, I am trusting the Lord but my pain is so severe it seems I can't bear it; the Lord to heal my niece's baby, it is at the point of death. I do not live where I can go to church so I will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Ruth Fowler, Rt. 2, Marietta, S. C.

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## CHAPLAINS' WORK

WASHINGTON—Religion holds an important place in the life of the Blue-jacket of the U. S. Navy, according to Rear Admiral William Brent Young, Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, who returned recently from a visit to Naval units in the South Pacific.

Discussing his tour of observation with the fleet and at advance bases, Admiral Young said: "I became intimately acquainted with the splendid work being carried on by the Chaplain Corps. These valiant and often unsung officers furnish not only spiritual guidance in the usual sense, but they perform modern miracles in maintaining the highest type of morale.

"Your Navy man knows that he can  
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# REPORTS

## New England Convention

The Church of God convention for the New England States convened at Appleton, Me., July 22-25, with Wm. Morris, state overseer, presiding. It was a marvelous success. We praise God for His works.

This was the sweetest, loveliest and best attended convention held in Appleton for many years. Nearly all the delegates were there for the first service, filling the auditorium to its capacity. In the very first song service the sweet presence of the Lord began to come down on the congregation and the tide of spiritual blessings began to rise.

We were happy to have with us our beloved First Assistant General Overseer, Rev. R. P. Johnson, and his wife, the Tennessee trio, consisting of Mary Lee Bell, Sue Johnson and Mahdeen McCoy, Brother and Sister Werner Johnson, Brother and Sister Earle, Assembly of God preachers, and Brother and Sister Morris, parents of our overseer.

The spirit of unity was most unusual while the presence of God was apparent and still prevailing when good-byes were said. One other indispensable feature was the quartet consisting of Sarah McClure, Gladys Greene, Walter Pettitt and William Winters.

The Y.P.E. service was held Saturday evening under the direction of Sister Levina Box, state superintendent of Y.P.E. and Sunday School. A fine program was enjoyed at that time.

Although we thank the Lord for all the spiritual blessings, we wouldn't fail to thank Him for the largest offerings He has ever given us. The orphanage offering was \$151.83. Brother Morris conducted this convention in a most commendable manner. A baptismal service was conducted at one of the beautiful lakes near by when five candidates followed the Lord in water baptism.

In behalf of the Churches of God in New England I express gratitude and appreciation for every contribution which had a part in making the convention a success. I say with a glad welcome, "Come again!"—Nina G. Straub.

## Kansas and Nebraska States Convention

The Kansas and Nebraska states convention convened at Pittsburg, Kans., July 2-4, with Brother Wilma Henry, state overseer, in charge.

We were very glad to have with us Brother Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer, and we certainly did enjoy his good messages; they were a great blessing to the people in Kansas and Nebraska.

The convention was well attended, even above that which was expected, and the Lord blessed from the beginning to the end. The Y.P.E. services, with Brother Melvin O. Smith in charge, were certainly interesting. The preaching and singing of the convention was enjoyed and the mis-



Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dykstra, Oskaloosa, Iowa, state workers for the Church of God Orphanage, are doing a great work in representing the Orphanage in this part of the country. With two hundred Lighted Pathways they raised \$318 for the Orphanage. Brother Dykstra was a captain in the Salvation Army for near twenty years, and when he saw the light on the baptism of the Holy Ghost he united with the Church of God and felt the call of God to work for the Church of God Orphanage. God is blessing their labor for they have the work greatly at heart. Besides the work for the Orphanage, they are getting the Lighted Pathway into many homes.

May God ever bless them for their untiring efforts for the orphan children.—Rev. J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

sion offering and the orphanage offering of \$95.92 were more than double those of any previous year. We could hear it said that the conventions just keep getting better.

We appreciate the ministers and workers of these states and the untiring efforts of our state overseer, Brother Henry; he was worked hard for the progress that has been made while laboring with us. His family also is greatly appreciated. The convention closed, leaving pleasant memories.—W. R. Bolte, 1007 E. 14th St., Pittsburg, Kans.

## Lord Doing Great Things in San Pablo, Calif.

We surely praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the Church of God here in San Pablo, Calif., and for the good service we had July 18.

We had all-day service and dinner, for it was the first anniversary of the great Church of God here. Several ministers were present and our good district overseer, Brother Ratchford, pastor at Oakland, brought the

evening message. My, how God did anoint; it was enjoyed by all and was food to our souls. The Lord is doing great things for us here and we are expecting greater things. A year ago there was no church here and now we have a good church and parsonage all paid for, for which we praise the Lord. We have a good Sunday School; we had one hundred twenty-seven last Sunday. We also have one of the best Y.P.E.'s in the State of California. Surely the Lord is still answering prayers.

We praise God for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Scott, who have worked so faithfully here. We are glad because the Lord has kept him out of the army. I am glad because He said He would supply our needs, and truly He knew we needed a pastor and therefore he is still here.

We desire the prayers of all for the church here for we feel it is a very needy field.—Marie Akin, president of Y.P.E., 1633 Dover Ave., Richmond, Calif.

## Lincoln Center, Me., Fellowship Meeting

We praise the Lord for giving us the privilege of enjoying another fellowship meeting, which was held here the fourth of July. The Lord was here to bless in a gracious manner.

We had three services. A number of preachers and workers were present. The crowds were very good. We wonder how so many got out, as the gas shortage is severe here at present, but they came, some by car, bus and taxi, others walked. Anyhow, we could all say, "It was good for us to be here."

The Lord is blessing our work under the faithful ministry of our pastor, Brother Murray. We give God all the praise for what He means to us "way up in Maine."—Dorothy A. Nash, clerk.

## We Have a Good Y. P. E.

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—God is still blessing us here at Towe's Chapel. We have one of the best Y.P.E.'s in the whole U.S.A. Praise God for our young people here. Our Y.P.E. has paid \$46.74 on our church, besides other things, such as lamp mantles and kerosene. We had our home-coming Sunday, June 6, and paid off the indebtedness on the church and the Y.P.E. paid \$20 of that. Our Y.P.E. is a little over a year and a half old.

We live about seven or eight miles from the nearest town and none of us have a steady job, so you see we do not have much money, but praise God we have the victory and that is worth more than money. The devil tried his best to kill our Y.P.E. at the beginning, but, thank God, Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient," so if you will just hold on God will hold out. I want the world to know that Towe's Chapel is still on the map and is going to stay there until Jesus comes.

Our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent was with us on June 17, and my, what a wonderful message he brought. It was food to our souls. Praise God we have one of the greatest Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s in the state, too.

We invite you and yours to come

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



to Towe's Chapel any time you feel like it and worship God with us. We have as good officers and teachers as you will find anywhere. Praise the Lord. If you ever come to Towe's Chapel one time, you will want to come again. Please remember us when you pray.—G. W. Fowler, reporter, Rt. 3.

### Progress of Greatest Value Along Spiritual Lines

Our church has in every way, during the past year, broken all previous records. Never before has such progress been made numerically, financially, and spiritually. It has all been accomplished through the blessings of the Lord upon the leadership of our beloved pastor and the cooperation of the saints and the friends of the church at Elkins, W. Va.

The ceiling of the church was lowered. This was a gigantic task long desired and contemplated but never before realized. This has made the church fifty per cent easier to heat and has unbelievably improved the acoustics.

The church has been painted both inside and out. It now looks like a new church.

Two beautiful expensive rugs were purchased to cover the spacious platform.

At the beginning of the year we were behind four payments on the church. This has all been paid, and we are now paid up far in advance. We were behind a year or more on our insurance. Now we are paid up until 1945. We still owed for most of the cost of paving the street in front of the church, which was done years ago. Sister Shahan, mother of State Senator J. Buhl Shahan, was so delighted over the spiritual revival of the church that she paid this account off in full. Our orphanage and mission offerings have been up to par in spite of our other programs. The furniture indebtedness has also been paid in full. The tithes have gone from \$213 at beginning of year, to \$321.94 for the current month. We have also underpinned the church. Our Sunday School offerings have trebled.

Rev. Morgan himself took the lead in the manual labor incident to this progress. We have seen him come in from a hard day's labor on the church, very tired and worn, but never once have we heard him complain. Sister Morgan deserves equal praise with her husband in the accomplishments.

The greatest values have, however, been along spiritual lines. A marvelous new indirect electric lighting system has been installed. But a direct Holy Ghost lighting system from glory has been installed that outshines all the other lights. Our attendance is unusually large, interest runs high, and the spiritual condition of the people better than ever known. The pastor has shown a spiritual, shepherding, fatherly interest in the souls of the people that must inevitably have its effect. Both Brother and Sister Morgan have manifested a kind, sympathetic interest in each individual member.—Respectfully submitted, Vergil Hanger, Mrs. Janyce Roy, Mrs. Clara Isner.

## REVIVALS

FT. MEADE, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the revival conducted at Ft. Meade, Fla. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost worked in a wonderful way. Brother and Sister Johnson certainly are doing a great work there and the church is on the firing line for God.—J. H. McDowell, evangelist, Box 524, Wauchula, Fla.

BARTOW, Fla.—We have just closed a successful revival at Bartow, conducted by Brother J. H. McDowell. Space will not permit my telling all the good it did us as a church at Bartow, not to speak of four being saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. For all these dear hearts being born into the kingdom of God and

for the sweet Holy Ghost services we had, we humbly thank our Father for answering prayer. He was so good to us. Our desire is to get closer to God and ever do the Savior's will. We appreciate and thank God for the good preaching and the good revival we had. Pray for us at Bartow.—Thelma Glover.

CHRISTOPHER, Ky.—The Church of God at Christopher, Ky., has just closed a revival that began on June 1, with wonderful success. The preaching was done by Brother Hubbard and his wife. This revival was a great blessing to the community, as well as the church. Brother and Sister Hubbard were loved by all who knew them and the people of the community showed great interest. Twenty-three were added to the church, twenty-one saved, four sanctified, two filled

### SECRET TO SUCCESS—PRAYER

By W. I. BASS

Personal experience: I was driven from my home on this earth at the age of fifteen. But God above put it on my heart to pray to Him. I obeyed and at the age of nineteen was left alone, said to be dying by doctor and friends, but about that time two holiness men came along and prayed for me and God raised me UP, was in World War I. My ship sank December 13, 1917, in the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean. GOD seeing me there surely remembered my prayers and brought me out, for which I give Him praise today. It was published in the Norfolk and Ledger Dispatch that I was lost, but praise God I feel like I am alive for evermore, through prayer. I was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy. I was a disabled veteran. I sought for cure but found none, until one day Rev. W. H. Wright, pastor of the Church of God, Clyde, N. C., and his family came to my rescue with prayer unto God for me. God heard theirs and our prayers and raised me up. At that time I started out in full for God and the Church, January, 1918. I asked God for fi-

nance and grace to face the hard places and some one to help me. He gave me then my wife for my helper. St. Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church," FAITH, WORKS, PRAYER. 1 Timothy 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere lifting up holy hands." I have tried it. It is the secret to success.

From a tract published by Good News Publishing Co., of General Sir Bernard Law Montgomery, of the British 8th Army, I quote, "General Montgomery is a lover of the Bible and a man of prayer. Before going into battle he calls upon his troops to commit their cause to God. When victory is won he issues an order of the day to the troops to Give thanks to God, that is the secret of success."

Through consecrated prayer God has prospered our labor and there has been a growth in every place we have labored for the Church: Fayetteville, N. C.; Bayard, W. Va.; Pulaski, Va.; Bennettsville, S. C.; Bowling Green, Fla.; Dora, Fla.; Sanford, Fla.; Oakwood, Va., and Bluefield, Va. Don't seek to be overseers or have a large church. Seek God in prayer for His will. That will be your secret to success.



Rev. W. I. Bass and Family

with the Holy Ghost and ten baptized in water. The church was left in a good spiritual condition and we pray earnestly for Brother and Sister Hubbard wherever they may be.—Rev. James Adkins, pastor.

**TELLICO PLAINS, Tenn.**—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at the church at Tellico Plains, Tenn., with Brother George Underwood doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way. Five prayed through to victory. The church was wonderfully built up. There was the best interest for the Church I have ever seen in Tellico Plains. We earnestly desire the prayers of all of God's children that the church will move on to greater victory.

Our church is looking nice. We have brick siding on the outside and sheet rock on the inside. Brother George would help in the day and preach at night.—Brother W. M. Coleman, pastor, Rt. 2, Athens, Tenn.

**PAMPA, Tex.**—We launched a meeting June 20 with Sister S. J. Wood, wife of the state overseer of Colorado and Utah, doing most of the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. The revival closed July 4 with nineteen saved, eleven sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and eleven added to the church. Pray that God will open the people's hearts to the light of His Word and the Church of God and the way of true holiness.

We have Rev. and Sister Oscar as our pastor this year. They are true saints of God and have the work at heart. The last few nights of the revival Brother Wood preached. The messages were wonderful. Thank the Lord, the revival spirit is still with us; the altar was full last night.

Just a word about our district convention. We had the most successful convention the Church of God has ever known here in the Panhandle of Texas. The whole program of the Church was put over the top one hundred per cent for the first time in the history of the Church of God for this district. Our mission offering was over eight times as large as it was last year, making \$304. We have more cooperation, unity and fellowship than we have ever had before, for which we certainly do give God all the praise. Pray for us here at Pampa that God will have His way in everything that is done. — Mrs. Ella Mae Bearden, clerk, 212 W. Craven St.

### His Wife Hath Made Herself Ready

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and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also." A prepared place for a prepared people. It seems I can hear Him say, "Watch and pray: in an hour ye think not the Son of man cometh." Are we ready should the call come to be at the marriage of the Lord?

I find again in Rev. 19, great rejoicing, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready!

*Prepared*—what a thought! Do we love His appearing? If we do, we are purifying ourselves even as He is pure. Looking for Him? Are we? As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at

the coming of our Lord. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Are we ready? Church of the living God, look up—the day of our redemption draweth nigh.

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,  
There to sing forever of His saving grace.

On the streets of glory let me lift my voice,

Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

### FAITHFUL

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fiery furnace. They were delivered by the hand of God, then later promoted by the king in the province of Babylon.

Moses chose to serve God and endure hardships with His people rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Let us, too, choose to serve God and yield our lives completely to His will, although at the present time it may mean many trials, that we might patiently watch even one hour where the Holy Spirit instructs us to tarry.

### DIVINE LEADERSHIP AND THE POPULAR VOTE

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They all were rejected of their fellows; they all were wounded in the house of their friends. Yet each in his turn served his generation by divine appointment, and was afterwards gathered unto his fathers in God's will. And if you should be tempted to discount the evidence of their experiences on the grounds that the most of them served under a theocracy or a monarchy, and that present circumstances alter the situation to any appreciable degree, I must take issue with such a position. God is God; and whether the government of His church be patriarchal, theocratic, monarchic or democratic, His will concerning leadership must be honored, or the work dies.

To be perfectly honest with ourselves, let us think of some of God's choices in the matter of leadership, and then ask ourselves the question, "Would we have chosen those men if their appointment had been left up to our vote?"

1. Moses. He makes one wild effort to establish his prestige with his people, and when that fails, he disappears from view for forty years. Would you have voted for him when he came back?

2. Aaron. What would you have done with him after his terrible betrayal of his office at Sinai (Exodus 32:1-35)? Is it not a fact, that many a man has been expelled, not only from office, but also from the communion of the church for much less sin than he committed here?

3. Paul. He is converted while on a mission of destruction. Disappears for three years. Stands aloof from the Jerusalem church and its authority for seventeen years, and then goes to it only under the pressure of necessity. Would you have voted him a position as greatest man in the church at that Jerusalem conference (Acts 15)?

In these three men we see the three outstanding characteristics which most frequently call for the popular rejection of a leader—inferiority complex, immorality and independence. Yet, the wisdom of God penetrates these handicaps and sees the quality of leadership, which, when salvaged, becomes a mighty factor in establishing the chosen people of both Old and New Testament eras according to God's plan and pattern.

It all comes to this point: When God chooses a man, it is safe to follow him, for the wisdom of God sees beyond human frailties and popular qualities. And then, there is this to be considered: No man chosen of God as a leader is dependent upon the fickle support of the popular vote. Such dependence would absolutely ruin the work of God. He whom God appoints is leader, in office or out of office. Voted in or voted out, the man who is after God's own heart will be God's choice still. And why should it not be so, when one carnal delegate, grieved at some fancied slight, might influence enough votes to throw a godly man out of office? No doubt every one of us, who have spent much time in conferences, can sincerely thank God, that at one time or another our votes were overruled by a higher appointing power.

Thus, every man, chosen and appointed by God, is relieved of the necessity of pulling political strings or doing embarrassing soliciting of votes; for no matter who is for whom, "the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."—*Pentecostal Advocate*.

### A Missionary Trip Through Mexico to Central America

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taking place in Mexico in no uncertain terms.

On arriving in Guadalajara I learned that I could make the trip to Mexico City on the bus for less than the train fare so I decided to travel that way in order to visit the world's greatest spectacle in the way of volcanic phenomena, the famous volcano "Paricutin" near Uruapan in the State of Michoacan. On the evening of February 20, 1943, a poor Indian farmer by the name of Dionisio Pulido unhooked his team with which he had been plowing, breaking land in a level cornfield, when all of a sudden the earth began to quake and a crack opened up that looked like the bottomless pit, black smoke ascended a mile or more in the heavens with thunder and lightnings. Presently red hot rocks began to be thrown out, some as large as boxcars, then a river of molten rock in the form of lava began to flow out in different directions, burning up everything in its path, huge pine trees going up in smoke like so many match sticks. The poor man's farm was soon covered with millions of tons of volcanic ashes and lava, and within less than a week there stood a volcanic peak about a thousand feet high with eruptions occurring about every five seconds from five different openings within the huge crater. The whole country is covered with ashes that continue to fall over a radius of twenty miles, with thousands of people and animals



faced with death unless relief comes to them very soon. The roads were covered with ashes until we could barely get through in the bus, some fine sand falling on towns about 300 miles away. It was a most inspiring scene at night, with thousands of tons of red hot rocks being thrown out at intervals of five seconds, with explosions that shook the earth, and with the thunder roaring as vivid forked lightning streaked through the huge columns of black smoke, too awful for one to describe with words. Never in history (so far as we know) has a volcano thus been formed before the eyes of the present inhabitants of this world. I have seen many volcanos, even descended into the very crater of the famous volcano Vesuvius in Naples, Italy, but it was nothing like this, another one of the signs of the times.

Leaving the scene of the volcano where people came in a steady stream day and night to see the mighty phenomenon, everyone was awe-inspired and all their talk for the time being was centered around what they had just witnessed, and many gripped with fear prayed for the first time in life perhaps. We were talking with our driver on the way to Mexico City relative to the things of God as he, too, had been so impressed that he brought up the subject of religion, not knowing that I was a minister. I had a little difficulty trying to convince him on one count but a nicely dressed gentleman sitting in the back seat helped me out by quoting so many scriptures contained in the Gospels that I naturally took him to be an Evangelical pastor but he was a Catholic priest. I shook his hand and commended him for taking such a bold stand for the truth. Many Catholics, including priests, are turning to the gospel for consolation in these troubled times; among them is the Rev. Jorge Elias Celis, ex-missionary bishop of Vera Cruz, who used to fight us very hard, but has lately turned to the Lord and become our friend.

Travelling through the high mountains in an open bus gave me a severe cold that nearly resulted in pneumonia so I rested four days in Mexico City, before continuing to Guatemala City, Central America, another three days and nights by train, bus and private car. I spent one night in Quezaltenango with Brother and Sister Furman and left with them the next day for Guatemala City, as they were going anyway to take Brother Hoggatt home. At this writing we are in a meeting with Brother and Sister Hoggatt, our last engagement to be filled before leaving for the Republic of El Salvador. In our next article we hope to tell more about our trip to Guatemala and El Salvador.

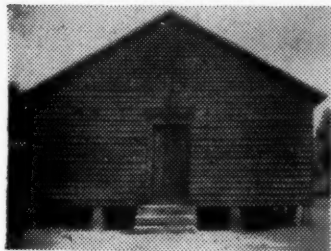
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turn to the chaplain for friendly help in any problem—whether he's worried about his God, his family back home, or his own chances for leave. Quiet, comforting, invariably a 'right guy,' the Navy chaplain comes through—and brings his men through!

"I have seen it work in the Pacific. I know it's working throughout our fighting Navy in all parts of the world."

#### Gainesville, Ga., Church of God



The "white elephant" of Georgia "before" and "after" remodeling. Since we have been here these past six months we have remodeled and paid for it as we went. We finished and painted the inside, put in four new ceiling lights and wall switches. There have been four new windows put in, new steps, double doors, two lights at the sides of the doors, painted the brick pillars, painted doors, windows, steps, eaves and sign and covered it with brick called siding. There is such



Rev. and Mrs. Paul Stover

a big difference we all feel like we have a brand new building, since it does not look like the same place. We estimate improving our property \$200.

God certainly has blessed since we came and helped us pay up several back bills which have been standing for years. We have raised every quota, gone over the top 100 per cent. We have had two good revivals—one held by the pastor, the other by Sister Helen L. Morrow.—Rev. and Mrs. Paul Stover, Gainesville, Ga.

## THE BLESSINGS OF HEAVEN

R. P. JOHNSON, First Assistant General Overseer

There is nothing that affords a minister or a Christian deeper satisfaction than to be able to say from the deep of his heart that the services had a touch of heaven in them. This holds true with officials of the church and it is indeed inspiring to them to visit state conventions such as the Iowa, North and South Dakota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Maine conventions have been.

While these state conventions revealed that a great deal more mission and orphanage money has been raised this year than heretofore, yet large amounts of money has not been the most attractive and blessed feature of the meetings, but rather the power and blessings of the Lord as administered by the personal presence and working of the Holy Ghost. Not in many years have I witnessed such spiritual showers and downpours as we have in the last few weeks. The meetings would start on time, with attendance far above expectations, and many times would continue until after midnight, with hungry seekers in the altar and with a goodly number praying through to definite experiences.

Reports reveal that cooperation between state overseers and co-workers is such as to help the Church fulfill its duty of love to God and man. By

deepening our consecration, denying ourselves, spending more time in earnest, fervent prayer, continuing in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, speaking the truth in love, ministering with the ability that God giveth, preaching the gospel in demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost, standing for unity and order in the Church, we have the right to claim and expect even greater blessings from heaven. And let us not forget that by staying in touch with God and in harmony with heaven we make it possible for God to do exceeding abundantly above that which has been and should be done. It is when and only when the things of Christ are made definitely real in the Church that it can fulfill its commission, and for His sake everything that hinders His Church must, by His blood, His Spirit, and His Word, be purged from our lives and from our program. To this I know that every true Christian can say, AMEN, FOR OUR GREAT NEED JUST NOW IS FOR MORE OF HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS.

The Lord to provide a way for me and a friend to go to B.T.S. He knows the circumstances and knows that it will take earnest prayer in my behalf if I get to go.—Pauline Tarver, Rt. 2, Corryton, Tenn.

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